

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the previous amendments and following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are pending. By this Amendment Claims 3 and 4 are amended . No new matter is added by any of the amendments.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the October 18, 2006 personal interview. The substance of the discussions held are incorporated in the previous Amendments and filed remarks and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

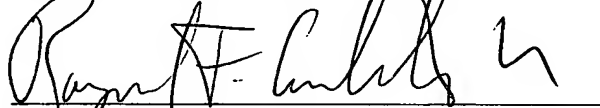
Claims 3 and 4 are amended to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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